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To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Rishton

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May, 1970.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the Health administration of Rishton for the year ended 31st December, 1969.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres	2,878.4
Rateable Value	£196,475
Estimated Product of 1d. Rate	£793
Population 1961 Census	5,431
Estimated 1968 Mid-year Population	5,610
Estimated 1969 Mid-year Population	5,650

Rishton is a compact Urban area whose chief industries are cotton, felt and carpet weaving, paper string manufacture, paper making, paint and varnish manufacture, slipper and shoe manufacture and plastic products.

VITAL STATISTICS

Death Rate (crude)	17.0
Death Rate (adjusted to National Rate)	16.2
Live Birth Rate	19.6
Live Birth Rate (adjusted to National Rate)	22.1
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total births	26
Mortality Rate Malignant Neoplasms	2.8
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	—
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	—
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	—

Deaths of Infants

Under 1 year of age	4
Perinatal Mortality	26

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during 1969.

Measles	3
Whooping Cough	1

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Local Health and Welfare Services under the National Health and Assistance Acts are administered in Rishton by the Lancashire County Council No. 5 Health Division.

Miss J. Lord is the Health Visitor/School Nurse for the Rishton District and the following are the services administered at the Child Welfare and School Clinic, 108 High Street, Rishton. Telephone No. Gt. Harwood 3177.

1. Child Welfare Clinic Each Tuesday afternoon.
2. Immunisation Clinic As and when arranged.
3. Orthopaedic Clinic 4th Wednesday each month
(by appointment).
4. Ophthalmic Clinic 1st and 3rd Friday
(by appointment).
5. Dental Clinic Each Monday and Thursday.
6. Physiotherapy Each Wednesday (all day).

Wherever possible appointments should be made before the Clinics (under headings 3 to 6) are attended, though the Dental Officer will attend to cases of toothache without appointment.

The County Midwives for Rishton are :

Mrs. Phillipson,	Mrs. Hodgson,
2 Devonshire Drive,	50 Whalley Road,
Clayton-le-Moors.	Gt. Harwood.
Tel. No. Accrington 31250.	Tel. No. Gt. Harwood 2247.

The County District Nurses for the District are :

Mrs. Brandrick,	Mrs. Fielding,
The Bungalow, Wharf Street,	2 Dorset Road,
Rishton.	Rishton.
Tel. No. Gt. Harwood 2540.	Tel. No. Gt. Harwood 2877.

Mr. Waddington,
55 Cliff Street,
Rishton,
Tel. No. Gt. Harwood 2495.

To obtain the Ambulance Service, ring Accrington 34834.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

			Males	Females	Total
Live Births—Legitimate	63	43	106
Live Births—Illegitimate	1	4	5
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			64	47	111
Stillbirths—Legitimate	3	—	3
Stillbirths—Illegitimate	—	—	—
Deaths	54	42	96

POPULATION FIGURES OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS

	Registrar General's Est. Figure	Births	Deaths	Birth & Death Differential
1969	5,650	111	96	+15
1968	5,610	103	82	+21
1967	5,530	85	97	—12
1966	5,440	82	85	— 3
1965	5,400	78	88	—10
1964	5,370	83	83	—
1963	5,440	71	84	—13
1962	5,450	97	77	+20
1961	5,460	82	77	+ 5
1960	5,460	71	77	— 6

SUMMARY CAUSES OF DEATH

	Males	Females	Total
Syphilis and its Sequelae	1	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm—Stomach	1	2	3
Malignant Neoplasm—Intestine	1	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm—Lung, Bronchus	2	—	2
Malignant Neoplasm—Breast	—	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm—Uterus	—	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm—Prostrate	1	—	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	6	1	7
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	—	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	—	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	18	12	30
Other forms of Heart Disease	3	1	4
Cerebrovascular Disease	5	7	12
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	1	2
Pneumonia	3	4	7
Bronchitis and Emphysema	6	1	7
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	1	2
Peptic Ulcer	2	1	3
Cirrhosis of Liver	—	1	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	2	3
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	—	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	1	2
Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions	—	2	2
Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries	—	1	1
	54	42	96

PUBLIC HEALTH TUBERCULOSIS REGULATIONS, 1930

The number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register at the 31st December, 1969, as compared with 1968.

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
1969	1	1	2	—	—	—	1	1	2
1968	1	1	2	—	—	—	1	1	2

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED
OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS**

Diseases	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Measles	9	5	—	3	3
Acute Meningitis	—	—	—	1	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	1	1
Infective Hepatitis	—	—	—	1	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	—	—	—	—

In making this report I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support and encouragement throughout the year, and other officials and staff for their friendly help.

Yours faithfully,

R. C. WEBSTER,

Medical Officer of Health.



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REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the year ended 31st December, 1969.

In the body of the report attention is drawn to the several environmental problems mostly associated with the disposal of Domestic and Industrial waste. Each year brings larger quantities to dispose of and what can only be said to be a “couldn’t care less attitude” in the method of its disposal. Every piece of spare land, every cul-de-sac, any quiet spot is fair game in our throw away society for what would appear to be an increasing number of litterbugs.

Yours faithfully,

S. PILKINGTON,

Public Health Inspector.

ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE

There has still been no great demand for improved Water Supply Grants, and the need for the improvement in the quantity of supply is still great in many homes. This fact must not be left out of any consideration of improvement areas in the district.

The scheme for providing a pumping station to remove 29 houses from their present inadequate Septic Tanks and to convey the sewage produced to the sewerage system has to be finalised, and work should commence early in the New Year.

Indiscriminate tipping of rubbish on pieces of waste land and back streets is still on the increase in spite of the fact that the local tip is made available to the public seven days a week.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The question of disposal of Refuse is becoming more urgent as the present tip nears completion. The public are abusing the free facilities offered for tipping and it is not uncommon to find rubbish blocking the access road. Another menace is the itinerant scavenger starting a fire to enable him to salvage metals, leaving us with a tip fire to put out, causing great inconvenience to ourselves and the Fire Brigade.

The annual extension of the Paper Sack System goes on at the rate of approximately 100 premises per year. It is the largest contribution to the cleaning up of the House Refuse Service.

SMOKE CONTROL

Areas Nos. 2 and 3 have been confirmed to come into operation in 1970 and preparatory work has commenced on zone No. 4. It is unfortunate that the fuel situation is interfering with the Smoke Control programme and it is to be hoped that during the winter 1970/71 the people already in zones will be able to get adequate supplies of the fuels of their original choice.

FOOD PREMISES

There has been no introduction of any new Food Manufacturing Premises during the year. Frequent inspections have been made of existing food handling premises, and it is found that the ready co-operation given by the food handlers has readily maintained the standard.

MILK

Thirty-nine samples were taken during the year, three of which proved positive. These three samples proved positive after a culture test.

HOUSING

Houses inspected for defects	.....	47
No. of inspections made for the purpose	.....	141
No. of Dwelling Houses not found in all respects fit for human habitation	.....	22
No. of Dwelling Houses found to be unfit for human habitation	.....	—
No. of Dwelling Houses rendered fit by informal action		17
No. of Dwelling Houses in respect of which formal notice was served	.....	—
No. made fit by Local Authority after service of formal notice	.....	—
Certificates of Unfitness applied for	.....	—
Certificates of Unfitness granted	.....	—
Certificates of Revocation applied for	.....	—
Certificates of Revocation granted	.....	—

STANDARD GRANTS

Applications submitted to Local Authority	.....	.....	.....	71
Approved by Local Authority	.....	.....	.....	71
Work completed	.....	.....	.....	67

FACTORIES ACT 1937 AND 1948

	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecutions
1. Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	—	—	—	—
2. Factories not included in (1) above in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	21	6	—	—
3. Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers premises)	—	—	—	—
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